

GIFTED AND TALENTED ADMISSION TO BURRIS LABORATORY SCHOOL - 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Burriss Laboratory School will be offering a limited number of additional openings for gifted and talented students for the 2009-2010 school year. This action is in keeping with a long-term commitment at Burriss Laboratory School to serve students with gifts and talents and to facilitate research on the education of gifted students. Burriss Laboratory School will work in cooperation with the Ball State Center for Gifted Studies and Talent Development; the Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities; and Teachers College at Ball State University to develop model programming for students with gifts and talents.

If you believe your son or daughter might qualify as a student with gifts and talents, you should complete an Application for Gifted and Talented Admission (see below) and return the application to Burriss Laboratory School. If applying for kindergarten, the child must be 5 years of age on or before August 1, 2009. As a part of the application process, families will be asked to provide supporting evidence that the child is gifted and talented. A list of acceptable documentation is provided as a part of the application materials.

If your family does not have access to existing test scores or other assessment indicating your child is gifted and talented, you may request the child be tested at the Center. There may be a fee charged for having a child tested when the child is applying for admittance to Burriss Laboratory School. For further information regarding testing, please contact the center at (765) 285-5390 or 800-842-4251.

Burriss Laboratory School will begin accepting applications for admittance as a student with gifts and talents on Monday, March 16, 2009. Applications and support materials can be mailed to the Burriss Laboratory School, 2201 W. University Ave., Muncie, Indiana 47306. Application materials may also be hand delivered to the office of Burriss Laboratory School.

Parents will be notified if their student qualifies as a student with gifts and talents as application materials are processed or as testing is completed. The deadline for applications for qualifying for admittance to Burriss Laboratory School as a student with gifts and talents is Friday, May 29, 2009. All families will be notified of their child's eligibility no later than Friday, June 5, 2009. If there are more new students eligible at a particular grade level than openings can accommodate, a special lottery for those students will be held in the Burriss Laboratory School auditorium at 2 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

Students who do not qualify as students with gifts and talents or whose names are not drawn in the lottery for gifted and talented openings will be eligible for the regular lottery to be held in the Burriss auditorium at 2 p.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

Siblings of students who enter Burriss Laboratory School through the gifted and talented application process will receive preference for admittance to Burriss as openings are available just as is currently the case with siblings of students admitted through the regular lottery process. Please refer to www.bsu.edu/burriss to find out more about the admissions policy for siblings at Burriss Laboratory School.

Please see below for further information regarding the admission of additional students with gifts and talents at Burriss Laboratory School.

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

In addition to a fully completed application, parents must also provide acceptable documentation that the child for which application is being made qualifies as a student with gifts and talents. Examples of acceptable documentation for the purpose of identifying students eligible to apply for admission to Burriss Laboratory School as students with gifts and talents includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Nationally-normed intelligence tests given by a psychologist such as the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-IV (WISC-IV) or the Stanford-Binet (SB-5)

Nationally-normed achievement tests such as the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), Metropolitan Achievement Test (MAT), California Achievement Test (CAT), Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA MAP), or the Screening Assessment for Gifted Students, Second edition (SAGES-2)

Nationally-normed intelligence tests, group or individual, such as the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT), Naglieri Nonverbal Intelligence Test (NNAT), or the Raven's Progressive Matrices (Coloured or Advanced)

Nationally-normed checklists or rating scales such as the Scales for Rating the Behavior Characteristics of Superior Students – Revised (SRBCSS-R), the Scales for Identifying Gifted Students (SIGS), or the Gifted and Talented Evaluation Scale (GATES)

Subject-specific ability tests such as the Test of Mathematical Ability in Gifted Students (TOMAGS) or the Gates-McGintie Reading Ability Test

And

Statewide achievement tests such as the Indiana ISTEP+ or the Michigan MEAP test. (Not all state tests, including the more recent ISTEP+ tests, are normed against other students on a statewide or national scale. Thus, not all state achievement tests provide adequate information to determine whether or not a child would qualify as a student with gifts and talents.)

Parents who do not have access to any of the assessments listed above for their child may contact the Center for Gifted Studies and Talent Development and request that their child be tested at the center. The center is located within Burriss Laboratory School at 2201 W. University Ave., Muncie, Indiana 47306 and can be contacted by phone at (765) 285-5390 or 800-842-4251.

**APPLICATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED ADMISSION
TO BURRIS LABORATORY SCHOOL**

Student Name: _____ **Gender:** ___Female
(Last) (First) (Middle) ___Male

Birth Date of Child: _____ **Grade Student Will Enter for the 2009-2010 School Year:** _____

School and School District Student Attended for the 2008-2009 School Year: _____
(School)

(School District)

Parents Names: Mother: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)
Home Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Father: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)
Home Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Address Where Child Resides: _____ **Phone: (____)** _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

___ **Yes** Our child should be entered into the regular lottery if he/she does not qualify as a student with gifts and talents or his/her name is not drawn in the lottery for openings for students with gifts and talents.

___ **No** Our child should not be entered into the regular lottery if he/she does not qualify as a student with gifts and talents or his/her name is not drawn in the lottery for openings for students with gifts and talents.

Because Burris Laboratory School is an integral part of the Teachers College, it is often called upon to assist in the educational training and/or practicum experience required of Ball State University students in their respective course of study. We perceive these professional experiences to be of significant value to your child and our school.

Initial each item indicating that you give permission and understand specific parent expectations. Your child's application will not be considered without all six items initialed.

- ___ My child may participate in approved and supervised research projects conducted by Burris faculty, other University faculty or Ball State University students.
- ___ My child may participate in approved and supervised observation and educational experiences conducted in the various teacher education programs of the University.
- ___ My child may participate in class sessions in which photographs or videotapes are taken. I understand that these videotapes or photographs may be used to illustrate educational practices in a variety of professional settings.
- ___ My child may participate in individual testing conducted by a Ball State University student. I understand that the results of such testing and reports thereof will be used only for the education and training of the Ball State students and will not become a part of my child's school records.
- ___ I further understand that information about my child will not be released to any person or agency outside Ball State University without my permission.
- ___ I understand that Burris Laboratory School does not provide transportation for its students. I understand it is my responsibility to have my child arrive at school no earlier than 7:30 a.m. (for breakfast) and picked up no later than 15 minutes after the class is dismissed.

The signature of the parent or guardian assures that all parts of this application are understood, and that the parent/guardian and student agree to the admission policy of Burris Laboratory School. It is also understood that parents are required to meet financial obligations annually.

Date of application

Signature of parent/guardian

